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Secretary England's Message to the Fleet

From the Office of the Secretary of the Navy

WASHINGTON (NNS) — The following is the text of a message from the Secretary of the Navy:

Greetings. On May 24, I was sworn in as your 72nd secretary of the Navy and am pleased to be embarking with you on an exciting voyage!

Our Navy and Marine Corps team has established a stellar record of mission accomplishment both in combat and peacetime operations. We have no equal in the entire world and you are unmatched in your profession. I am very proud to join this fine team.

I can say, along with Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Clark, and Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. Jones, that we are going to get even better as we transform America's armed forces for the 21st Century.

As usual, our nation and the world look to us for leadership. The opportunities are vast, the responsibilities great, the expectations high. You have my solemn pledge that I will do everything in my power to keep

our Navy and Marine Corps the best in the world.

The president and secretary of defense have indicated this is a time of change. I ask that each of you join me and them, bringing your talents, innovative thoughts and experience to bear, in transforming the way we do business in order to meet our commitments, now and in the future.

I know that the Navy and Marine Corps team has a strong sense of our core values of honor, courage and commitment. In that vein, we should at all times conduct our business in a forthright, open, honest and direct manner both with each other and the public.

In my testimony to Congress I listed four areas of emphasis:

- Combat capability,
- People,
- Advanced technology,
- Business practices.

Of these four, the men and women in the fleet and those who support their



Secretary of the Navy Gordon R. England.
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combat capability are the most important elements of our team.

The primary purpose of the Navy

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COMNAVRESFOR Promoted to Vice Adm.

By Director of Naval Reserve Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) — For the first time in more than 14 years, a vice admiral now heads the Naval Reserve. On June 7, John B. Totushek received his third star from Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Vern Clark in a formal ceremony at the Pentagon.

"The fact that this event is occurring today is all about the critical importance of the Naval Reserve," said Clark to an audience of more than 200 people. "I'm very proud of what John Totushek is accomplishing, along with other Reservists

around the world: we could not make it without you."

Totushek has been serving as commander of Naval Reserve forces since 1998, and has represented the Naval Reserve before Congress and on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations. His duties include command of 88,000 Naval Reservists and 181 Reserve facilities nationwide valued at \$3.1 billion.

"Today is obviously important for me and my family, but also for the Naval Reserve," said Totushek. "It's

recognition of all the things that the Reserve force has done."

The Senate confirmed Totushek on May 24. The promotion was a result of a provision of the FY 2001 Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act. Passed by the House and Senate late in 2000, it directed the military services to grant a third star to the heads of their Reserve components.

A Naval Reserve aviator, Totushek served in several Reserve billets while working

in the Tidewater area as a senior construction executive. Prior to taking the helm of the Naval Reserve, he was asked to return to active duty to lead the Navy's environmental, safety and occupational health programs. Totushek is a native of Minneapolis, Minn., and a graduate of the University of Minnesota.

For a biography of Vice Adm. Totushek, go to www.navy.mil, select "Site Index," then "B" for biographies of Navy leadership.

Navy E-Learning Web Sites Now Available

By Chief of Naval Education and Training Public Affairs

PENSACOLA, Fla. (NNS) — The Chief of Naval Education and Training (CNET) has taken another giant step in support of its mission to “transfer more knowledge to more Sailors, faster and at less cost” with the official opening of “Navy E-Learning,” the next generation of distributed learning technology.

At the Navy E-Learning web sites www.navylearning.com or www.navylearning.navy.mil, Sailors now have greater access to training, education, and professional development information, and many more courses.

“The new Navy E-Learning Web site offers more than 800 information technology (IT), 350 professional soft-skill (management and leadership courses) and 37 military courses, via a single, integrated portal on the World Wide Web,” according to Bill Dyas, CNET’s head of the Distributed Learning Branch in the Education and Strategies (ETS) division.

The information technology courses range in scope from beginning computer applications, such as Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Access, and Excel, to local area Network/Wide Area Network (LAN/WAN) administration and programming/development, such as C++, Java and Visual Basic. Soft-skill courses will encompass

leadership, management and other professional development curriculum.

The Navy courses include damage control petty officer, introduction to the Naval Reserve, Department of Navy Chief Information Officer (DON CIO) systems thinking, and a variety of command and control, communications, computer and intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance/information operations (C4IS/R) courses. The number and variety of courses will expand incrementally, as Web-based courses are acquired from industry and existing Navy courses are converted for Web delivery.

“Navy E-Learning is truly a big step forward for our Navy,” said Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (SS/SW/AW) James L. Herdt. “Our Sailors are the direct beneficiaries of the inspirational foresight and initiative of the coordinators and leader at the chief of Naval Education and Training.”

The goal of Navy E-Learning is to provide access to courses that provide the knowledge and skills the Navy workforce needs to empower themselves and foster lifelong learning habits. Individuals logging into Navy E-Learning will be able to control the time, place and extent of learning.

Other expanded capabilities of the new

Navy E-Learning Web site are access to Navy and Department of Defense training and education, video teletraining course catalogs, links to other education, training and professional development information, and a cyber cafe.

Students may study with other classmates via the online chat capability of the cyber cafe, as well as access newspapers from around the world and search education, training and professional development references and links.

Information on the Navy College Program (NCP), which streamlines and enhances a Sailor’s opportunity to earn a college degree while serving on active duty, and information from the Navy Advancement Center can be accessed directly via Navy E-Learning.

Users can search the catalog for courses by identifying skills or occupations of interest. They can identify personal skills they want to improve, assess their level of proficiency, track improvements and identify Navy E-Learning courses aimed at developing the selected skills.

Navy E-Learning will also manage, track and record course usage and completions.

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Navy Officer Makes His Way to Safety

By Journalist 1st Class Joseph Gunder, Navy News Service

MANILA, Philippines (NNS) — A Navy officer who was missing in the Philippine jungle after his tour group encountered guerillas near Mount Pinatubo safely made his way to a local police station a day later, according to a Navy spokesperson. The officer, identified as Lt. j.g. Scott A. Washburn of Celina, Ohio, was part of a group of five American servicemen and four members of the Philippine navy who were on a hiking trip to Mount Pinatubo.

Washburn is attached to USS *Rushmore* (LSD 47). He and the other American servicemen were in the Philippines as part of a small U.S. task force

taking part in exercise Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT). The mountain trek was an off-duty excursion and not a scheduled event of the exercise.

The group was ambushed June 5 by eight gunmen who identified themselves as part of the New People’s Army, a communist rebel unit. Washburn had apparently fallen behind when the group was ambushed and shots were fired. He fled into the jungle to avoid the gunmen.

The rebels demanded that the Philippine sailors surrender their weapons. After an hour-long negotiation session, the group was allowed to continue to the base of the volcano.

There were no reports of any injuries to the American servicemen.

The two other ships from the CARAT team are USS *Wadsworth* (FFG 9) and USS *Curts* (FFG 38). All three ships are homeported out of San Diego.

The Philippine phase of CARAT 2001 is one of six phases making up the series of bilateral exercises, which take place throughout the Western Pacific each summer.

CARAT wrapped up in the Philippines June 11.

More information about ships in the 7th Fleet area of responsibility can be found at www.c7f.navy.mil.

Household Goods Moves are Easier with the Internet

By Naval Supply Systems Command Public Affairs

MECHANICSVILLE, Pa. (NNS) — Sailors and their families in the San Diego area can now arrange their household goods move over the Internet, thanks to a Web-based program that will soon be in use throughout the continental United States.

SMART WebMove was designed by the Naval Supply Systems Command (NAVSUP) to service routine moves and simple entitlements based on permanent change of station (PCS) orders.

The Web-based program currently serves only San Diego-based Sailors and their families on PCS orders who are moving household goods from that area to a new duty station or homeport within the continental United States.

San Diego Sailors can tap into the program 24-hours a day, seven days a week from home, work, on board ship or anywhere they have Internet access.

SMART WebMove is easy to use. Eligible users simply fill out an online questionnaire to receive a report of entitlements available to them. The system enables members to fill out all necessary forms, arrange the move, and submit the forms to the FISC San Diego PPO via the Internet.

To complete the online application,



service members need their PCS orders and proof of dependents (page 2 from their service records). These documents may be sent to the PPO as e-mail attachments or faxed for faster service. They may also be mailed or hand carried to the PPO. If the applicant is not the service member (i.e. if a spouse or other agent is arranging the move) an original power of attorney with the agent's name listed is required by law and must be mailed to the PPO.

SMART WebMove information is protected and is stored on a secure server.

Personal information is encrypted as it is being transmitted. Each user's account is password protected so that only individual users can access their records.

In the beginning of fiscal year 2002, SMART WebMove will be installed at

the Fleet and Industrial Supply Centers (FISC) at Jacksonville, Fla.; Norfolk, Va.; Puget Sound, Wash.; naval air stations at Fort Worth and Corpus Christi, Texas; and the Naval Education Training Center, Newport, R.I. SMART WebMove will be expanded to the remainder of the continental United States throughout the fiscal year.

Extra pickups from locations in the general area of the primary pickup address may also be arranged. However, pickups from other locations, such as a prior duty station, involve complex arrangements that require a visit to the Personal Property Office (PPO). Home of Record moves are not being served at this time.

To access SMART WebMove go to www.smartwebmove.navsup.navy.mil.

More information about NAVSUP can be found at www.navsup.navy.mil

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This program is available at no cost to all Department of the Navy personnel and their families enrolled in Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS). This includes active-duty and Reserve members, civil service employees and family members of active-duty personnel.

Naval personnel with access to the Internet, either from work or home, can tap into Navy E-Learning at their convenience.

For Sailors on ships without continuous Internet access at sea, several initiatives are underway to develop

alternative methods to provide access to Web courses and other online resources by the end of 2002.

In the future, users registering for a course will find courses already recommended for them by the Navy, based on their pay grade, rating, designator and Navy Enlisted Classification Code.

Each phase implemented in the future will provide greater capability, a wider variety of Navy and industry-developed courses, and access to online college courses.

"The Navy E-Learning and

career-long learning will become part of the fabric that makes up everyday Navy life, becoming as commonplace as e-mail is today," said Sandra Drummer, director of CNET's ETS Division. "Sailors are winners and Navy E-Learning will play a vital part in giving every member the opportunity to win both professionally and personally."

Visit Navy E-Learning at www.navylearning.com, or www.navylearning.navy.mil.

A help desk or customer assistance center is available seven days a week via e-mail mail to

nlhelpdesk@cnet.navy.mil.

The toll free numbers for the United States and overseas are listed at

www.navylearning.com/help/index.cfm.

Technical note: The Navy E-Learning Web site is best viewed with the display resolution set to 800x600 or higher, and greater than 256 colors. Windows NT and 2000 users should have 128MB RAM. Windows 95, 98 and ME users should have 64MB RAM for best performance. For Internet Explorer users, the Web site will be viewed better in the 5.5 version.

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and Marine Corps is to deter, train for, and when necessary, fight and win our nation's battles. Combat capability, which includes readiness, must be our primary emphasis.

A ship pier-side has no asset value to this nation without a well-trained and highly motivated crew. We need to continue to invest in the human capital that makes our Navy and Marine Corps the world's finest.

I support the CNO and commandant's efforts in emphasizing quality of service by focusing on a higher quality workplace as well as a higher quality of life for our people.

I am committed to this effort and will work to accelerate the results that can benefit the entire team: those on active duty, the Reserves, our dedicated civilians, those who are retired and those whom we seek to recruit, as well as our families.

Everyone in the Department of the Navy needs to recognize that while some positions carry a greater burden, all of our people are important to our mission. At the end of the day, our Sailors, Marines and civilian personnel should know that their work is important to building and maintaining the Navy and Marine Corps' combat capability.

Our organization must support an environment in which each person can professionally excel and contribute to the mission.

To help achieve the most effective combat capability and readiness, we will need

to apply new forms of advanced technology. This has been central to our nation's military for generations.

Advanced technology in its many forms has proven itself time and again as a way to save lives and win wars: it is an asset that our nation needs.

I am committed to the application of technology in the military in a manner and rate similar to the commercial market.

We will simplify the acquisition system, streamline the bureaucratic decision-making processes, promote innovation

throughout the Department of the Navy and engage the full spectrum of American businesses and universities to get you the modern tools to do your mission successfully.

Finally, we will strive to improve the internal "business" practices within the department.

While the Navy and Marine Corps serve a national purpose and provide a public service well beyond the commercial objective of profit, many business practices are still applicable. By improving these processes, we should be able to shift more dollars into

combat capability and quality of service.

It is a distinct honor to serve with you. Together we can meet the challenges ahead and leave a record for the generations of Sailors and Marines that follow.

We can be proud of serving to protect freedom and American ideals in this century and beyond. We are "one team" and we will commit ourselves to "one fight."

I look forward to the opportunity to work with you as your secretary. Semper Paratus and sail safe.

Gordon England
Secretary of the Navy

1,2,3 and Lift!



Aviation Ordnanceman 1st Class Linward Wiggins, Aviation Ordnanceman 3rd Class Steven Green, and Aviation Ordnanceman 2nd Class Terry Van Kampen work together getting a CATM-9 missile off the wing of an F/A-18 Hornet aircraft on the flight deck of USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71). Roosevelt is conducting "COMPTUEX" carrier qualifications.

Photo By Photographer's Mate 2nd Class (AW) Bobby McRill

Navy Leads the Way for Other Countries

By Eric Mazzacone, NMCI Public Affairs

ARLINGTON, Va. (NNS) — As the largest military information technology contract ever awarded, the Navy Marine Corps Intranet (NMCI) is being viewed by many as a solution for government information technology procurement.

Captain Chris Christopher, director for NMCI services, recently met with representatives from the German Ministry of Defense (GMD) to discuss details of the contract.

Christopher explained how pleased the Department of the Navy (DoN) was to have other U.S. government agencies and NATO allies interested in the program. The Federal Bureau of Investigation is currently examining the feasibility of an NMCI-like network.

"NMCI is not just another contract. It is a change in the way DoN and the government as a whole do business," Christopher said. "This outside interest reinforces what we have believed from the beginning, that NMCI is, in fact, the new model for acquisition."

"It is quite normal for us (GMD) to look to other allied militaries in order to learn from them," said Gerd S. Buchsteiner, director of defense, research and engineering for the GMD. "At this point, we realize that everything is changing in the world of information technology. IT is a very high priority for us, and as such, we are currently identifying the needs of our war fighters. Our goal, similar to that of NMCI, is to create a network that will be interoperable with all of our military forces, as well as those of our allies."

The GMD was particularly interested in how the Navy was bringing its military and civilian personnel back to fulfilling core mission jobs.

"The GMD is even more resource-constrained than the Navy," Christopher said. "NMCI is a contract that manages limited resources more efficiently. It's all about getting better, faster service cheaper."

In fact, governments around the world are looking to the NMCI contract as an example of how to contract out information technology instead of trying to do it themselves.

"This is just more evidence that we have chosen the right direction," said Christopher.

British Ministry of Defense officials have also been briefed on NMCI.

The GMD expressed interest in maintaining a relationship with NMCI project coordinators in order to gain knowledge from the program's lessons learned to further support their future endeavors.

More information about NMCI can be found at www.peo-it.navy.mil.

This Week on Navy/Marine Corps News

Look for the following stories and more on next week's Navy/Marine Corps News show:

- Sailors aboard USS *John C. Stennis* (CVN 74) find there is no better place to re-enlist than at the movies;
- Seabees improve the quality of life for American troops in Bosnia;
- Sailors lend a helping hand during their stay in New York for Fleet Week 2001;
- A Sailor from USS *Dwight D. Eisenhower* (CVN 69) trades in his "dixie cup" for a cowboy hat at the local rodeo.

Compiled on tape #2001-125, the show is on its way to the fleet now.

This Week in Naval History:

- June 18, 1798: Benjamin Stoddert is sworn in as the first secretary of the Navy. His salary is \$3,000 per year.
- June 19, 1944: Planes from Task Force 58 successfully defeat Japanese carrier forces in the Battle of the Philippine Sea. Nicknamed "The Marianas Turkey Shoot," U.S. and Japanese naval forces fought in the last carrier-to-carrier action of World War II in the Pacific arena near the Marianas Islands. The Navy destroyed 426 enemy aircraft.
- June 20, 1913: Ensign William D. Billingsley becomes the first fatality of naval aviation. Piloting the B-2 at 1,600 feet over the water near Annapolis, Md., he was thrown from the plane and fell to his death. Lt. John H. Towers, riding as a passenger, was also unseated but clung to the plane and fell with it into the water, receiving serious injuries.
- June 21, 1898: In the Pacific, USS *Charleston* captures the island of Guam from Spain. The Spanish colonial authorities are unaware that there is a war underway.
- June 22, 1884: A Navy relief expedition consisting of the steamers *Thestis*, *Bear* and *Alert*, rescues Army Lt. A.W. Greely and six others from Ellesmere Island in the Arctic, where they were marooned for three years. All were near death from starvation.
- June 23, 1933: The Navy commissions its last dirigible, *Macon* (ZRS 5). Two years later, the airship crashed off Point Sur, Calif., due to structural failure caused by a severe gust of wind.
- June 24, 1833: USS *Constitution* enters drydock at Charlestown Navy Yard in Boston, Mass., for overhaul. The ship was saved from scrapping after the public rallied behind it following publication of Oliver Wendell Holmes's poem, "Old Ironsides."

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